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WEEKLY REPORT

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December already, almost Christmas, with all those presents,(and postal delays!). Still things seem to be back to normal right now, and that is all that matters at the moment. Apologies to everyone in Liverpool who suffered with the recent strike. You should get all your back copies now.

It appears to have been a fairly quiet week on the radio front, with no major news stories, although a good number of reports from elsewhere will ensure a full quota of reading material. Medium wave day time conditions are very bad just now, with the short daylight hours, but night-time openings to the new world are exceptionally good, well worth staying up all night(and going to bed by day?).

As a result of the above, we have only a single B4 sheet of newspaper cuttings to offer this week, comprising of several stories about Caroline and Laser, and one in particular about the determination of trip operator, Albert Hood to continue to run trips out the the Ross Revenge for the benefit of free radio fans. 10p plus an SAE will get you a copy of this single sheet. Subscribers to "Cuttings Club" will receive it with this week's report. To join "CC", send £5.00 and in return you will receive cuttings each week for one year, irrespective of number of sheets. Only "WR" subscribers can join "CC". Back copies of cuttings can be purchased(subs. cannot be back-dated) and the price of each week's is listed in the respective "WR". As a result of major happenings, a great demand for cuttings has been noted, therefore, we can offer one or two 'packages' at special rates.... "Laser in Harwich"....17 sheets for £2.50. "Eurosiege '85".....20 sheets for £2.00.

All cuttings from start(50) to today(83)....71 sheets for £7.00. All prices include post and packing.

Regarding the merchandise list distributed last week(pink), we now have in stock, the Jay Jackson publication, "The Pirates Who Waive The Rules". All the people who ordered the book in advance will now have been notified, others wishing to purchase the item should please note that for subscribers to Weekly Report, we can offer same for £3.50 including postage and packing, for a limited period only. The paperback, "Rebel Radio", is still awaited, and we must ask people not to send any money for this until we receive our stock, hopefully, by this time next week. All other books and items listed are all in stock, including Issues 1 and 2 of Free Radio Waves at 75p per copy, <TX> London's Free Radio Magazine at 90p per copy, Free Radio Round-Up at 60p per copy, Offshore 36, the Dutch magazine, at £1.60 a copy, etc...

Other items expected shortly are....The Charlie Wolf Laser Video from EAP. Running for approx. 60 minutes and featuring, naturally, Charlie, Charlie on Laser, Laser in Harwich and lots more. Available soon for £24.95 in both BETA and VHS forms, from ourselves and also from EAP and Seagull Sales. "The Best Of Offshore Echos", is the title of a new book being published by OEM in February '86, not only featuring some of their best stories and interviews, but lots more besides, including recent exclusive photographs. Details about ordering copies of this book will be found in issue 59 of OEM due out mid December. Apparently, those ordering before 31st January '86 will make a saving on the cover price of the book. Still with Offshore Echos, starting this next issue will be a regular feature in the form of a competition. The prize for the first competition will be copy of "I Spy" record, signed personally by Charlie Wolf and Tommy Rivers.

In addition to the current magazines sold by ourselves, we do a sort of "swap" arrangement with a number of other magazines involved with free radio, occasionally taking info from that magazine(and crediting them accordingly), they in turn taking info from our publication. After Christmas, when things go quiet, we hope to make a list of these other magazines, with addresses etc., to circulate to anyone who may wish to further their scope. These magazines include Play-DX(Italy), Sporen(Norway), Medium Wave Circle(U.K.), Offshore Print-Out, C.L.C.G. Magazine(Germany), Crystal Ball(U.K.), U.K. Radio Newsletter, Media Monitor(U.K.), Free Radio Fanzine(Germany), Lautsprecher (Germany), PIN-Magazine(Germany), KBC Magazine(Holland), KDKC Magazine(Germany), and others we may have omitted to list.

Both Ireland and Holland are juggling about with their AM and FM frequencies for their respective national services. If anyone has details in print, out of some publication about these changes, we would be pleased to hear from them(including the most recent Irish FM changes).

Finally, now, a couple of very special offers. The International Waters Radio Group, of BM Box 1763, London, WC1N 3XX whose details we printed a couple of weeks ago with regard to some

rather superb colour photo/stickers, have now come up with a splendid key ring, just in time for Christmas. Retailing at a special pre-Christmas price of £1.00 including postage and packing, these key rings are quite unique with their colour photos of Laser and Caroline on either side. Send SAE for further details to the address above (or just £1, if you just want a key ring). Recommended.

Just arrived: For the benefit of people unable to make the trip to Harwich to see the Laser ship in the River Stour, a set of 5 colour photographs of this sight. 1. The country lane at Erwarton Ness with the Communicator at the bottom of it! 2. A bit nearer, the ship just across the marsh. 3. Nearer still, from the water's edge. 4. A similar shot from further up river. 5. A close up shot of the ship. The photos are as good as we have seen, bearing in mind, the darkish days, and the fact that the ship has the sun behind it, from its closest point. A set of five will cost you just £2.00 including postage and packing, from ourselves, P.O. Box 539 etc.

Really finally, we have obtained a number of FM Aerial Amplifiers for use with an outside FM aerial. They are brand new and manufactured by Maxview Aerials of King's Lynn. We have tried one out and have found them to be very good for the price of £19.95. They give 22db gain and run from a 12 or 24 volt supply, rather than the mains, (which often causes problems). We use a car battery for 12 volts, but two lantern batteries in series will suffice, or at the last resort a mains transformer. The amp. can sit alongside the radio and need not be like other amps., perched on the aerial on the roof of the house. We have them in stock if anyone wants one, but enquirers can phone 0253 21163 and mention AUK.

We rather like the two new "Able-Label" stickers, reproduced on the back page. We can not for the life of us remember who sent them, any chance of a few more?

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND (with reports from B. Johnston, Siobhan Cronin, Paul Kelly, Brian Buckley and Jason Ross and Leo Doyle and Philip Hilton (we could go on forever this week).....

NOVA...No major changes of note at all this week, plenty of on-air competitions noted, still only on low power on medium wave. Plenty of adverts noted, in the run up to Christmas.

QQ 1102...Still on 819 (on top of Cavan Community Radio), reception now poor on this side, due to this, and the poor conditions. Nevertheless, on the West coast of the U.K. FM 102.1mhz is good most times, with a reasonable aerial and aerial amplifier. The station seem to have a new logo, according to an advert seen in "Hot Press" from Hilton Electrical, who sponsor the "Q song of the day" competition. The entire Magic studio and transmission equipment has been bought by this station and is currently being fitted into their new plush studios, although they are still operating out of the old one from a few doors along the street.

WLCB in Wicklow report re-furbishing of studios completed and visitors once more welcome. Power on the AM 1602 has been down of late, but hopefully should now be back to normal.

SUNSHINE RADIO in Portmarnock, about the only station audible in the U.K. on medium wave at times. Robbie Dale not heard very much at all lately. No further news on this absence as yet.

RADIO CLARE, in Ennis: The 846khz transmission still remains a mystery. Many people still reporting hearing it, or RTE, on the channel. From a recent recording, we took this station's line-up and printed it in a recent "WR". We got one of the names wrong....Dave Winieve should have read..... Dave O'Neill... sorry about that.

WBEN from Cork City heard announcing "Stereo WBEN, playing America's hottest hits" on 98mhz stereo.

RADIO CAROLINE CORK are back on the air after a short spell off, but Sunshine Radio from the same city seem to have gone altogether.

ATHLONE LOCAL RADIO are now on the air, on 103.5mhz in stereo from this town, and whilst only covering about ten miles at present, do hope very shortly, to increase this coverage area to about fifty miles. They operate from 8.00am till 1.00am., and soon hope to go 24 hours. The current line-up... 8.00am., Nora D., 10.00am., Dave Stewart, Mid-day, Mark Anthony, 3.00pm., Flash Gordon, 6.30pm., Pete Casey, 9.00pm., Noel Lackey, 10.00pm., "On the dark side" with Jason Ross, 1.00am close.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. Their current line-up reads.....Monday to Friday, 7.00am., Don Allen, 10.00am., Tony Brady, 12.30pm., Ollie Clarke, 3.30pm., Phil Hilton, 5.30pm., Owen McConnon, 7.00pm., (Mon., Wed., Friday only), Country and Western Jamboree with Daffy Don Allen. (Tues.), Nigel Pratt, (Thursday), Martin Donogue and John Tierney, 10.00pm., Sean McManus, Mid-night, Close. **KISS FM**, from Omeath heard in the North on 103.5mhz in mono, although stereo, and a change to 102.7 is promised, after start of official programmes (Monday 25th), along with increased power. Continuous tests have been noted, but it is not yet known whether proper programmes have as yet begun.

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY RADIO, heard loud and clear in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, on 1296khz. Advertising FM on 98.1mhz., although not thought to be on as yet, as Boyneside Radio manage to get into the North on 98.1mhz.

THE VOICE OF PEACE(a report from Pete Jeffries). Current line-up on this station read, on 20th Nov...
Mid-night...Kev Copeland, 3.00am., Nightbeat with Pete Jeffries, 6.00am., Breakfast with Greg Fairlie,,9.00am., Morning Music with Pete Jeffries, Mid-day, Afternoon Delight with Neil Rouda, 3.00pm., Kassach, 4.00pm., Drivetime with Kev Copeland, 6.00pm., Twilight Time with Gary 'B', 7.30pm., Classical with Neil Rouda, 9.00pm., AM/FM split....AM = International Music, FM = Night-stars with Gary 'B'.

Dave James and Daavid Fortune are currently on shore leave.

The past few weeks have seen increasing problems with the AM transmitters, caused mainly by the lack of regular maintenance. Normally one transmitter is on the air, whilst the other is on stand-by. However, at the present time, both are out of order, awaiting the arrival of spare parts, many of which are not available in Israel.

Due to interference from other radio stations, it has been found necessary to change frequency from 1540(1539khz actually) to 1530khz. FM remains unchanged.

Kev Copeland has expressed a wish to return home for Christmas, as he is in great demand as a disco jock in clubs and pubs around London during this period. He will be(probably now, has) leaving on 27th November, and is not expected to return. A replacement is expected in a few weeks time.

At present, Abie is in Columbia looking at the situation there, with a view to starting an appeal in Israel along similar lines to Ethiopia.

Our thanks to Pete for that report.

LASER. Very few developments again, this week, although one observant reporter did notice a couple of launches alongside the Communicator, loading on supplies. The ship then seemed to move around following their departure. But thereagain, with several staff on board, supplies would have to be taken out some time or other, but, why two vessels to do it. Several reporters have sent in photos and similar reports, but, still, we understand that the vessel is still there at this moment in time. No reports of sale or auction of the Laser ship have been heard, and we can only be lead to believe that backers are still trying to raise money to pay off the writs and get the ship back out at sea.

CAROLINE. Caroline on Shortwave! That is what the man said, on 6273khz. Saturday night and again tonight. We picked it up here, but only very poorly. We shall try again tonight, then await the comments coming in.

The station was off the air on Wednesday last, in the evening, but returned the following morning as usual. The re-furbished studio was back in use by Friday, according to Dave Andrews.

The DTI ship which returned to the scene last Thursday but one was reported to be causing a few problems to callers to the Ross on Monday. Rubber dingies were used to attempt boarding of the visiting craft. It is understood to have now returned to port. No further details are known.

Listener's Top 5's seem to have been dropped, along with "coffeebreak". Close-downs at 1.00am have been the order of the day during the week.

On the Monique side, Ferry Eden was heard playing great oldies etc., last Sunday from 3pm till 5pm. He is live on board, as they say, and can be heard from 6am till 8am each morning in addition to reading the news. It is not yet known who, if anyone, has been replaced. Thanks to Ronnie Simmons for that news.

RIVIERA 104(ITALY). Dave Windsor reports from that chilly area(he says it is chilly, anyway!).

Current line-up....6.00am., Dave Windsor, 9.30am., Pete Twist, 1.00pm., Jim Hicks(a South African D.J.), 4.30pm., Alton Andrews, 8.00pm., Lawrence John, mid-night, Non-stop music.

Recently, problems with jamming had caused the station to pre-record the programmes and rush up the mountain to the transmitter site, avoiding the link, which was being jammed by a rival we understand. All these problems are now sorted out though, but not until after the authorities had stepped in and threatened to close all the offenders down.

LAND-BASED STATIONS...LEEDS. Radio Radar were understood to be on air again today, as last week.

LIVERPOOL...Radio Merseywaves are back this weekend on 1242khz., following their recent raid last Friday but one. The detailed story was told by station owner Burt Williams in his regular Sunday afternoon show today. He said that all studio gear was taken by the "robbers"(DTI) plus personnel effects of some of his staff. They failed to get the AM rig, he said, due to going to the wrong location. Today's signal was as strong and good as ever. No other stations were heard here, but no doubt some FM stations would have been on. A full report by Tim Jackson is available from us for 10p plus SAE for anyone very interested.

THE MIDLANDS AREA...PCRL were logged as usual last weekend, along with tests from Wrekin City Radio.

LONDON...Well, Reading first, with an Uptown Radio from the Caversham area, heard last Sunday evening. Announcing 102.4, they were actually on 101.9mhz., with soul, funk and jazz. Also heard in Reading, from the London area, were LWR on 92.1mhz., TKO on 102.4mhz., LGR on 105.1mhz., and RBL from Boulogne on 91.6mhz. Our thanks to Ian Kelly.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....SHORT WAVE LOG FOR SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 1985.

With poor conditions today and only two loggers, Sandy Mountain in Blackpool and Glenn Hocking in Cornwall, the following was compiled....

6200khz...**FALCON RADIO**(via IRRS) at 0948gmt.
 6206khz...**RADIOS DELMARE/TUTENCHAMEN/MARABU/PIRATE**, at 0910, 0938, 1135 and 1330 to 1500gmt., resp.
 6230khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 1103gmt. in parallel with 7316khz.
 6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**(relaying Four Freedoms Radio Network), at 1218 until 1320gmt.
 6241khz...**RADIO TONAIR**, from 0859 to 1118gmt.
 6260khz...**SKYWAVE RADIO INT.**, from 0915 until after 1300gmt.
 6275khz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, with address of P.O. Box SH9, Sheerness, ME12 1AQ, at 0918 onwards.
 6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO**, at 1035gmt.
 6288khz...**RADIO NOVA HOLLAND**, at 0921gmt.
 6290khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**, at 1205 until 1305gmt.
 6294/5khz...**SHAMROCK RADIO**, at 1058gmt.
 6297khz...**RADIO UNIVERSUM**, with Bremen address, at 1100 until 1132gmt.
 6299khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, with tests in readiness for Christmas Day, at 1027 till 1037gmt.
 6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 0952 and 1025gmt.
 6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 0939 and 1052gmt.
 6910khz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 0914gmt.
 7316khz...As 6230.

What has happened to Radio Milano Int.? No one seems to have heard it for ages. Any info, anyone? UNID's last week....Podney wonders, was 6218khz from Dublin, Premier Radio?..... 7367khz., was Radio Mirage Int.,.....6210khz...possibly Radio Nemesis Int. A couple of recent QSL's re-printed below(space permitting).

Finally, CM tell us that their Christmas function will be held at St. Margaret's Hall in Leytonstone next Saturday. There is still time to book for this function which starts at 6.00pm and runs till 11.00pm., Simply phone this number, 01 989 3451 leaving your name and address on the answerphone(your telephone number too), and they will get back on to you with all details.

Reports in suggest that Charlie Wolf could well be heard on Radio Orwell tomorrow morning.

RADIO CAROLINE

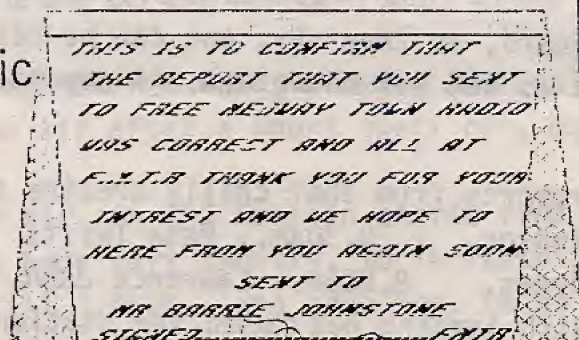
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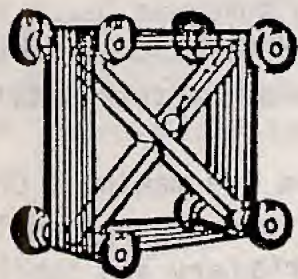
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Another quiet week on the radio front, with the exception of a sudden burst of activity on Friday, but more about that later on.

It has been quiet on the 'cuttings' front as well, we have only managed one B4 sheet this week, with a fairly big piece on pirate radio generally from Campaign magazine of 15th November, and containing numerous inaccuracies, we might add, a small piece from yesterday's Mirror about Charlie Wolf, with even more inaccuracies, plus two or three other small pieces and a largish advert taken out of this month's Gramophone informing people of the MOA and how it is an offence etc., etc. More waste of public money by the DTI. Why in this magazine, we wonder, it is only bought by classical music lovers. We have missed a piece this week, an advert in Broadcast....'Laser for sale'! We will try and get that bit for next week. Anyone requiring this week's cuttings, please send 10p plus an SAE. Members of the "Cuttings Club" will receive this sheet along with "WR" 84. To join the "CC", send £5.00 for a year's cuttings, sent every Monday morning with "WR", irrespective of how many pages we manage to accumulate at times of maximum news. Only subscribers to "WR" can join "CC". The "Laser in Harwich" set of cuttings seems to be complete now, very few further are expected, so the total is 17 sheets(weeks 80 to 83 inc. 6,6,4, and 1 resp.). "Eurosiege 85" amounted to 20 sheets(weeks 68 to 75 inc.). Prices are...."Harwich, £2.50 for the set.....'Siege', £2.00 for the set. All cuttings from week 50 to this week(a total of 72 sheets)are available for a special price of £7.50.inc. postage and packing. Our continued thanks to all who regularly send in items of interest from the press. Please do continue, we could not operate this service without your help.

To compliment the "Laser in Harwich" cuttings, we now have available, a set of five colour photos of the said vessel off Erwardon Ness in the River Stour. Our photographic wholesaler has excelled himself and produced "Jumbo Glossy" prints, with rounded corners. This splendid set costs just £2.00.

We are pleased to tell you that Pluto Press have come up with the 'goods', and we now have in stock the book, "Rebel Radio" by John Hind and Stephen Mosco. Priced at £4.50, which includes postage and packing, this book is yet another must for free radio fans. It does lean towards the London scene, but includes some Laser as well. Very interesting.

Jay Jackson's publication, "The Pirates Who Waived The Rules" continues to sell very well. "WR" subscribers can avail themselves of a copy(more than one if required) for the reduced price of £3.50 inc. P & P. This special offer has now been extended to include Free Radio Waves readers, whether buying this magazine from us or from FRW. If you have plans to go "offshore", you will definitely need this book.

Coming soon, hopefully before Christmas, the latest Offshore Echos Magazine, No. 59, latest Monitor, No. 32, and the second, this time, mammoth, edition of Air Raid Tapes catalogue.

Dropping through the letterbox here, Play-DX(every week), Radiotelex(fortnight) and the latest issue of Pirate Info News. The latter all in German, but very interesting. An advert for this magazine can be found on the back page of this report.

We mentioned both Ireland and Holland last week, and the fact that they were juggling with the National Service Networks. The latest news is that Holland is dropping the 'Hilversum' bit altogether, but keeping the medium wave channel of 675khz., after all.(no doubt, frightened that Monique may suddenly appear there). As regards Ireland, we have found the sheet kindly sent in by a colleague in Leeds, setting out the recent changes in channels. Anyone wishing for a copy of this can send an SAE and 10p.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

NOVA....Was history made here last Friday? Anyone tuned to Long Wave, 254khz., between about 2.30pm and 3.30pm., would have(and did, in some cases) heard Radio Nova on this channel. A few reports came in, one from Bradford and one from Scotland, and, of course, we heard it. Is this the first independent station(pirate) ever to use long wave? We await your letters. Don't go away and tune in your set to 254khz.....what happened?.....The Dept. of Communications in Ireland told Nova to turn it off, saying that medium wave is one thing but not long wave. Nova obliged, but we now await further developments on this front. Will Cary defy authority?(again). Watch this space for further exciting news.

A report in today, from Roger Tidy in London indicates that Radio Nova was heard in the capital yesterday on 1602khz. A quick check by above gentleman with colleague in Blackpool, revealed different music to 738khz transmissions. Obviously someone playing a tape of Nova. Further details awaited.

Still a settled line-up on the station with no major changes. Nova are making a Christmas collection for St. Michaels home in Goatstown. All you have to do, is send in a request enclosing IR£1 or more, and they will air your request over the Christmas period. Both Chris Cary and Sybil Fennell are heard on these adverts, along with Tony Allan and Tony McKenzie.

Q 102. The station have been heard airing a new set of jingles of late. They are still having problems with the second FM service on 103.5khz. Scott William's recent break for holidays was covered by Greg Gaughran.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Still no Robbie Dale show each morning, due to pressure of business we are told, in the meantime, old hand, Tony Dixon has been taking his place.

KISS FM. The station has apparently been having some problems with its 104.2mhz FM transmissions. They have been off and on a lot recently, changed channels and had a number of harmonics noted.

RADIO DUBLIN. A change to professional voice -overs has been noted of late, instead of station staff doing the ads and promos. Some problems with their 105.4mhz transmissions have been noted.

Capitol Radio have also had their share of problems with FM transmissions. Other stations logged of late in the Dublin area.....Southside Radio on about 106mhz.FM from the South side of the city, Radio Avalon on 98.5mhz.FM announcing various medium wave frequencies, but eventually being heard on 1116khz., Radio Galaxy on Sundays, now back on 1530khz., from 1557khz., Radio Charisma on 98.0mhz FM, Blanchardstown FM Band Service(BFBS) on 104.5 and 106.0mhz.FM.

Our thanks to Joe Rossa of Ballymun for all the Dublin details.

CENTRAL RADIO, based in Longford, have not only moved premises, but frequencies, from 1035 to 1044kHz but due to Radio 1's close proximity, have since moved back to 1035kHz., but the signal is reported to be not as good as previously.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO, Kilnaleck, still advertising for new local disc-jockeys, for both this, and Central Radio. Plenty of adverts being aired, in the run up to Christmas.

RADIO WEST, another station having problems with FM. They were broadcasting on 96.9mhz., but heard better on 94.0mhz., despite being sandwiched between two BBC signals. Today, the station was off the air all morning(and still is), although the medium wave transmitter was on with a carrier, indicating still further problems with the FM link.

Our thanks to Sean Brady for the midlands info.

Paul Kelly in Ennis continues to try and sort out the Radio Clare on 846khz., transmissions. He went to the studios of Radio Clare who knew nothing much about it, but said that they had received reception reports from Kilkenny. Apparently, the owner of Radio Clare knows someone in Athlone, who is planning to set up a station there, and he claims he can receive the station well, and it now appears that this person could have relayed Radio Clare off the FM broadcasts. We still await any more information on this one.

Brian Buckley reports from Dungannon, and tells us that Big 'M' Community Radio have moved from 88.05 to 87.9mhz. He also confirms receiving Dublin's KISS FM reported earlier, now broadcasting on 103.7mhz., from 104.2mhz.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports from this station this week.

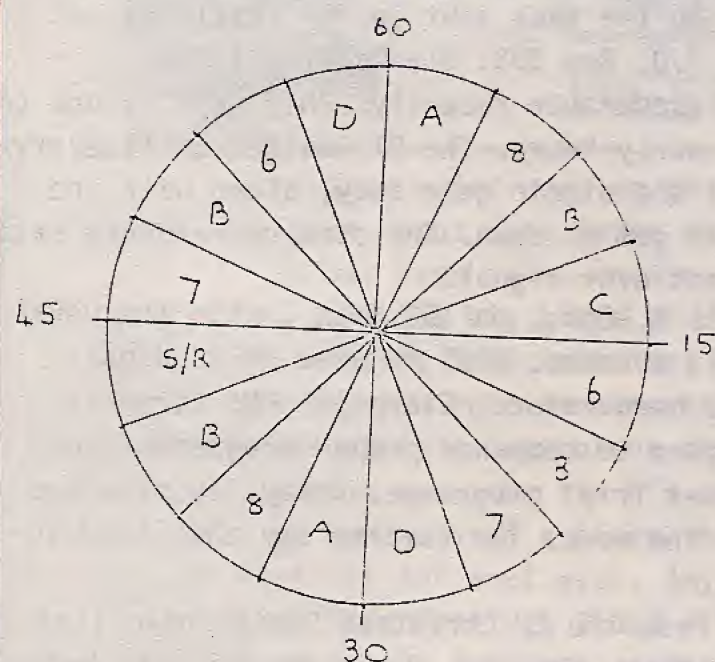
CAROLINE. The new format: During November, Caroline introduced a new format. Most noticeably, 'oldies' tracks, previously bunched into special spots, such as Top 5's, have been integrated into the mainstream programming. This format guarantees the listener a well-balanced selection of music, new and old, familiar and unfamiliar without compromising the station's musical integrity, the emphasis still being on quality music. The new format counters previous criticisms of inconsistency resulting from individual presenters pursuing conflicting aims. The station is now operating a 'clock-face' format: within each hour, the following categories are played at specific times, each hour.....
2...'A' plays(hit singles, consistent with station identity), 4...'B' plays(new singles--impossible to judge criteria upon which these are play-listed, could include 'plug-plays'), 1...'C' play(re-current[recent hit] single), 2...'D' plays(L.P. track--same qualification as 'B' play), 2...60's oldies(late '50's and '60's), 2....'70's Oldies(early/mid seventies), 2...'80's Oldies(late '70's/'80's), 1...Soul/Reggae Oldie.

Within the space of an hour, the following per cent of types of material are:-

45% Oldies, 20% Hit Tracks, 35% New Material. In other words, two thirds of the material is familiar, obviously an attempt to widen the target audience.

The categories are formulated into a clock-hour as shown in the clock chart below. Obviously, the number of tracks per hour varies according to the circumstances (e.g. periods including the news and the extended 12" Canadian mix of Lotto 649 !!). Therefore, leeway is provided within the final quarter hour to expand or contract as required.

The Caroline Clock



- A : Hit Play
- B : New Play
- C : Recurrent Play
- D : LP
- 6 : 50's/60's Oldie
- 7 : 70's Oldie
- 8 : Late 70's/80 Oldie
- S/R : Soul/Reggae

Final 1/4 hour
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contracted to
suit circumstances.

The above information kindly prepared and forwarded to
Anoraks U.K. by Bernard of Leicester, for which we thank him.

Reports in during the week suggest that the DTI ship, The Gardline Tracker is once again back out alongside the Ross Revenge. Apparently the contract has been extended for a few more days. Anglia Television carried a report on Radio Caroline, on the news following the ITN news at 1pm last Friday but one, 29th November, reports Ivan Henry Howard of Lincolnshire. Caroline was accusing the DTI of putting lives at risk with their activities in the North Sea. The DTI then proceeded to blame Caroline for all the problems.

Line up remains the same during the week still, no changes of staff yet, although some minor re-shuffles at the weekend. The station still seems to be closing at 1.00am., during the week. It appears that there are only two D.J.'s on Monique, Ferry Eden and Ad Roberts. Our thanks to Ronnie Simmons for this last report.

LASER. FOR SALE... M.V. Communicator... **LASER 558...** Available, for sale or lease for legal re-launch by new investors. Serious enquiries to "Overseas Media Incorporated", 7 Kensington High Street, London W8 5NP.

"Broadcast" readers will have seen this advert in the recent edition.

It appears that as soon as some money is put up by some new investor, the ship could be on its way back, as the Government have nothing to hold it on, apart from vessel sea-worthiness. Those who have served writs have now received bills from the Admiralty Marshall for the upkeep of the vessel, as they are technically responsible for the ship. So the saga continues, who knows what will happen next.

A recent press release from Radio Luxembourg mentions David Lee Stone's Late Laser show. A number of readers have written in to say they think it is in bad taste, but it is not the first time that this station have taken things like this, remember 'Big 'L' '. One would think that a station such as this would be a leader, not a pirate stealer!

Trevor Thorne of Burton, Staffs., who kindly sent in an advert from their local paper regarding a Laser Roadshow at "Clowns" nightclub, was, in the end, unable to attend due to work commitment, but after contacting the club, was informed that the show will be there again, in a few weeks time.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Only Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., was logged herethis weekend. They have dropped seven day operation since their recent raid(see cuttings), but can be heard Thursday on occasions, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Station owner Burt Williams on his Sunday afternoon programme today and last Sunday, went into great detail about the raid, the authorities and community radio generally.

Tim Jackson, who compiles the Merseyside sheet each week, reports that in addition to the above, last week, also heard there were....C - 104 on 104mhz., FM, Wirral FM on 90.3mhz., and Concept Radio on 104.8mhz. These lower power FM stations were received in Blackpool.

LEEDS. Radio Radar were not heard there today, but David of Doncaster tells us in a report received this week, that Radio Radar announced 104.2mhz using an omni-directional output of 1 watt of power. Line up reads...10.00am., (start), Steve Summers, 11.00am., Paul, mid-day, Andy, 1.00pm., Big Bopper

2.00pm., C.J., 3.00pm., Tim Purley, 4.00pm., Steve Summers, 5.00pm., Close-down. David goes on to say that he has some good recordings of the station if anyone would like a copy, including a first anniversary show recording. A blank tape plus an SAE will suffice he tells us, but then goes on to say that in return he would like some Charlie Wolf on Laser on the tape sent in, if possible, but not essential. Address your tapes to...."Radar Tape Offer", P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE.

THE MIDLANDS. Dave Small reports the reason for PCRL's non-appearance recently. They were raided on Thursday 28th November after the station closed down in the early hours. The DTI waited until everyone but the station owner had left, then pounced and took all the studio gear away, along with the transmitter, although left the aerial, as they were unable to get it down. The station returned last Sunday with only 15 watts, but today were logged with the best ever signal.

LONDON. Inter-City Radio were logged today from 9.00am., till 9.00pm., on 103.5mhz., with the usual jazz/funk format. Alices Restaurant were conspicuous by their absence. KISS FM were on as usual. K - JAZZ were off but due back, as were LWR, thought to have been raided, Starpoint FM, formerly Activity, were logged from noon till midnight. TKO are expected to commence proper programmes very shortly. Finally, South East Sounds were noted, but no "Tender Trip" programme, today, despite the station owner being fined £1000 plus costs of about £200 in the week. The station say that they intend to continue.

Before we go on to Short Wave, a quick report from the CM Christmas Social held last night in S.E. London. In attendance were Charlie Wolf(now of Radio Orwell), Tommy Rivers, Liz West, in a stunning outfit, Alan West and John Lewis of Radio Caroline. The event was quite well attended we are told, and sure that it will be fully reported on in some future CM Bulletin.

Finally, we have just received from Jumbo Records and Tapes, The Official Radio Caroline, Monique and Laser Jingles, including "Eurosiege '85" promos and adverts. The tape runs for just under 20 minutes and is of course studio quality. Price is £3.99 from ourselves.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG FOR SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 1985.

6206khz...**RADIO DELMARE**, at 1654gmt.
 6230khz...**UNID.**, at 1045gmt., with U.S.Tape(WONE?).
 6240khz...**UNID.**, at 0945gmt.
 6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 0953/1026 and 1150gmt., with new t/x.
 6240khz...**PIRATE FREAKS B.S.** at 1322gmt.
 6260khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 1010gmt.
 6265khz...**FALCON RADIO**(via IRRS), at 1107gmt.
 6272khz...**SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING**, at 1036gmt.
 6275khz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, at 0914 and 0950gmt.
 6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1128gmt.
 6285khz...**UNID.**, at 1115 till 1145gmt., English accent,
 6290khz...**FOUR FREEDOMS RADIO NETWORK**, at 1204gmt.
 6290khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 1306gmt.
 6295khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 0951 to 1156gmt.
 6300khz...**UNID.**, at 1124gmt.
 6300khz...**P.F.B.S.** at 1340gmt.
 6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 1030gmt.
 6910khz...**RADIO DUBLIN** at 1315gmt.
 7295khz...**RADIO EARTH**(via Milano, now back), at 0915gmt.
 7350khz...**RADIO MARABU**, at 1316gmt.
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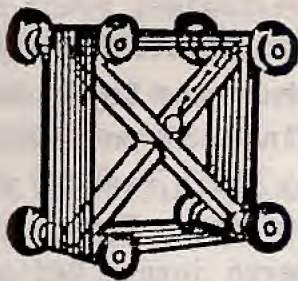
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Conditions today were very bad all over with very long skip characteristics. People in England heard very little, whereas people living towards the edge of the country heard a little more whilst people abroad, no doubt heard everything. Loggers, ourselves, Dave Knight in Leeds, Sandy Mountain in Blackpool, Alan Jarvie in Scotland, Ken Baird, also in Scotland and Glen Hocking in Cornwall. Podney asks if anyone has a recording of Radio Tango on 6300khz., and Radio Liberty Sound on 7321khz., on Sunday 24th November, for the collection. Just snippets will do, he says. If so, drop Podney a line, or you can send to us at P.O. Box 539. Just going off SW for a minute, Podney tells us that Oxford's Thames Valley Radio(TVR) asked about recently, were heard on 6th October on 103.2mhz., and gave out an address of 34 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1HZ. Radio Private's address from last week, was...Tumstrasse 26, D - 6500, Mainz, West Germany.



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WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539
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No. 85...15th DECEMBER 1985.

Quite a package this week, but then, it is Christmas, and it only comes once a year (thank goodness). The bulk of this week's package is made up of **AIR RAID TAPES** latest edition(No. 2) of the first catalogue. 28 pages of Christmas reading, and all extremely interesting. Ten out of ten to Rob Scott for producing this gem, and then going on to give it away free with "WR". This latest edition will likely be the last to be given away to our readers. Future editions will only be sent to those who bought tapes previously or those ordering it in advance, with an SAE. Unless of course, Rob decides to make it into a magazine as well, in which case, it will be on sale along with all the others. Some very tasty tapes up for grabs in this latest issue, appealing to just about every taste.

The cuttings are quite extensive this week as well, with three B4 sheets, the majority taken from the Ipswich papers and covering the stories about yet another new pop pirate ship about to set sail for the North Sea, further stories about the Laser D.J.'s, and about Charlie Wolf, and his latest venture into ILR, plus some land-based news reports and several other smaller pieces of radio interest. Subscribers will receive these three sheets in their already fat envelope this week, others may purchase the cuttings for 50p, which includes postage and packing. To join "CC", you must be a subscriber to "WR", when you are, send us £5.00, and we will send each weeks cuttings with your "WR", regardless of number of sheets we accumulate. This week's batch are particularly interesting we feel.

What's new in the line of merchandise? Monitor 32 is published and can be ordered right now. This is the biggest ever(we seem to say this every time), with 76 pages, packed with many details of the Offshore scene, in particular, the demise of Laser 558. This one looks like being a collector's item, and at £1.25 including postage and packing, constitutes very good value indeed.

Offshore Echos has still to arrive here, although we fully expect it any day. Issue 59 is the one in question, and this will cost £1.70 per copy. You can still subscribe to this magazine at the pre-increase price of £8.00 for five issues, for just a little while longer.

<TX> London's Alternative Radio Magazine, Issue 2 is due any day, and we expect it to cost 90p once again. Packed with details of the London scene, plus a few words from Chris England about Caroline's new format.

Shortwave's Radiotelex, No. 62 is out. You can get one sample copy from us, thereafter subscriptions must be taken out with RT. Sample copy costs 40p.

We now have in stock the Radio Jackie L.P. at £5.50, the Laser, Caroline and Monique Jingle set on cassette from Jumbo, at £3.99, and once again, we have soft-back versions of Paul Rusling's "Lid Off Laser 558", selling at £8.50 including postage and packing. We have run short, but only temporarily, of the two posters, Caroline and Laser 558. We have ample supplies of EAP's Top 500 Caroline Poster at £5.00 though, and expect supplies of the other very soon.

Roger Tidy's "Media Monitor" available for 50p for a sample copy, from 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA, is out now(issue 20) and covers a slightly different aspect of radio. The latest edition lists all London CR applicants.

For the benefit of readers in the Kent area, Jenny Knight writes from the Caroline Movement - Thanet Branch, and tells us that they are holding a film and video evening on Saturday 1st February 1986 at the Grosvenor Club, Grosvenor Place, Margate. Interested parties can telephone Jenny for more details....0843 - 821112.

Finally, in this opening section, as some of you will already know, Carl Kingston, has left the country and headed for Sacramento in California. We wish him all the best over there. His Voice of Peace, British representation has been taken over by ourselves, Anoraks UK, and, we are now seeking professional broadcasting staff and broadcast engineers urgently, for work out there in the Mediterranean. We require demo tapes of about 10/12 minutes in duration, air-checked, with the prospective presenter making a number of 'links' and reading news items. We will also need a full CV (details of what radio work you have done, mainly). Please do not send tapes if you have no intention of taking the job, just to see if you can get it, and do remember, the work involves living and working on a ship, for a contract period of six months. Do think carefully before applying for the position. We can supply blank C.12 tapes, ideal for demos, at 5 for £1(post paid). Please send for some if you wish. Finally we also need broadcast engineer's assistants for work a bit nearer home. Good living wages paid. Please enquire

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

The big news from that side this week, is that Kieran Murray has joined Boyneside Radio and can currently be heard each weekday morning and Saturday after lunch on the Boyneside Radio Kells service on 1323khz. Plans are underway for Kieran to appear on Radio Rainbow SW on 6240khz., with his free radio programme. Kieran has been involved in free radio for many years, and as well as "Sounds Alternative", also wrote articles for many other magazines including Offshore Echos. Kieran's Irish station lists were the forerunner of the ones we produce today. When Kieran joined Radio Carous el and concentrated more on his radio work, we took over and continued to produce what he had started. Joining the station from Carous el also, is Mike Aherne(not to be confused with the ex-Caroline North D.J.). This station can be received quite well here in Blackpool. Heady Eddie reports a new station from Claremorris, Co. Mayo, on the adjacent channel of 1332khz., and, although quite strong in Drogheda, cannot as yet be received here in Blackppol, although conditions have been pretty terrible on medium wave of late. Finally Eddie reports severe problems for KISS FM in Omeath, whose 1kw FM rig went up in smoke, but good news for Boyneside N.I., who have just received new FM rigs and should have them on the air in a couple of weeks, on 106.2 and 101.0mhz., in addition to 1233khz AM.

Remaining in that area, Sean Brady reports that Breffni Community Radio on 1170khz., are now running at 1kw., although reception in the U.K. is ropey due to much activity on that channel (We can always hear it on 2340khz.!!). Longford Community Radio at present on 1071khz., are considering changing channel, due to interference after dark. All other stations are as normal, with plenty of adverts in their run up to Christmas.

Finally, still in the same area, Jason Ross tells us that Athlone Local Radio went off the air on 3rd December due to storm damage the previous evening. The station was due back, and no doubt is by now, on 103.5mhz FM in stereo from brand new studios. Jason also tells us that there is a new station on the air, from somewhere between Portlaoise and Tullamore on FM, but has no further details as yet.

Zooming down to the other end of the country, Cork, and Siobhan Cronin writes with a glowing report about new station WBEN from Cork. Listening to the recording she sent, we feel we must agree with all she says. The station operates a 'back to back' format, with rather nice jingles heard from time to time. Announcements have been few and far between, but even these have been dropped now, in favour of "clutter-free". Meanwhile, South Coast Radio continue with just FM only, as the proposed MW transmitter has yet to be got to operate.

It appears that in addition to Radio ERI up-grading equipment, WKLR in Bandon intend to do just that. Paul Graham has now arrived there, and we await his first report from the station.

Back up in Dublin, Joe Rossa reports....a lot of coming and going on the FM band. But finally, Q 102 getting themselves sorted out and back on 103.5mhz., in addition to 102.1mhz. We can confirm this, having received both transmissions today. Meanwhile, KISS FM, having moved to 103.7mhz., have now moved back to 104.2mhz., with Q returning. Nova sorted out their FM problems in the week and can be heard on 103.1mhz., only. A new name was heard on air, last weekend, Stephen Jackson during the night. No other details are at hand. We understand that no further tests have been carried out on long wave. Sunshine Radio have a new set of jingles heard of late.

Finally, Chris Ridley reports that Radio Sligo are currently off medium wave, but the station can be heard(just) on FM in Sligo. We await further reports from this area.

Our thanks to Brian Buckley of Dungannon for sending a copy of the new Irish RTE frequencies list. If anyone would like one, send SAE and 10p. If anyone has a copy of a similar list for the Dutch National Service, we would like a copy.

LASER . Well, the Communicator is still there moored in the River Stour off Erwarton Ness, but it appears that the Admiralty Marshall is now forcing sale, and the High Court in London will hear the case tomorrow(Monday), the outcome of which, we hope to report on next week in Issue 86. It looks pretty certain that the ship will not ever return to the North Sea as a broadcasting vessel, but different stories circulate and who knows what will happen next. When it does, we shall be here to report it. This week's cuttings probably carry the final stories of the station and its presenters.

CAROLINE. (and MONIQUE). It's been quiet on this front this week too. The station has seemed to suffer a rather larger than normal number of breakdowns, although for what reason, we do not know as yet. The "Tracker" is still there and chasing visitors and shining its searchlights at night(although Caroline kindly shine their's back on the Tracker). Ronnie Simmons reports on a few details, Graham Baeger did his first show on Saturday morning 7th December from 1.00am. till 5.00am. Otherwise, closing down nightly at 1.00am. Maarten de Jong returned to Monique last Sunday, making three Monique presenters onboard.

The three presenters being Ferry Eden, Ad Roberts and Maarten de Jong. Other shows are taped in Spain or Holland. A full line-up schedule will be printed as soon as we receive same from our loggers. Ronnie wonders when Monique will get a regular female D.J. on air (Mi Amigo had Michelle and Haike de Bois, Delmare had Astrid de Jaeger).

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Report No. 5 dated 2nd December 1985.....Programme line-up.....

00.00 Midnight with Dave James, 03.00 Nightbeat with Neil Rouda, 06.00 Breakfast with Pete Jeffries, 09.00 Morning Music with Daavid Fortune, 12.00 Afternoon Delight with Neil Rouda, 15.00 Kassach, 16.00 Drivetime with Dave James, 18.00 Twilight Time with Gary 'B', 19.30 Classical with Daavid Fortune, 21.00 AM/FM Split...AM International Music, FM... Nightstars with Gay 'B'.

On shore leave...Greg Fairlie.

After a complete AM failure last week, the station is now back on 1530khz., thanks to the hard work of Noam Aviram. The transmitters were repaired very quickly, and, as a result of that work, are now putting out more power than for many months. This hopefully means that more people around the Middle East can now receive the station.

Kev Copeland has now returned home and his place will be taken by another D.J. from the U.K. (This D.J. has now arrived, but as yet, we are unsure of what name he will use on air). Daavid Fortune, the programme director, will be returning to England in mid-December, in time for Christmas, when his present contract expires. It is not yet known whether or not he will renew same.

A treat for the presenters...a new video recorder has been sent out to the ship, allowing films to be shown, and programmes to be recorded, for the benefit of presenters asleep at the time of favourite programmes.

The latest news indicates that the ship is in a poor state of repair, and has now developed a hole below the waterline, which has been patched up by the ship's engineer. This will be fixed when the ship enters dry-dock in early January. At present, the pumps are being switched on every two or three days to relieve the flooding caused by the hole.

Our thanks to Pete Jeffries for that report, and a Happy Christmas to all on board.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LONDON....Plenty of action here, considering they are all supposed to have closed down (recent magazine article). A Radio Badger on 91.9mhz has been heard, with a pop/Top 40 format from 16.00 to 18.00 Sundays schedule. JBC were raided at 09.00 on 11th December, but were back by evening with a marathon phone-in..105mhz FM. A station called FAME FM on 94.5mhz were heard testing on several days, playing disco/funk. LWR returned on 14th December on 92.1mhz., but only with a rosey signal. Alice's Restaurant were busted last Sunday, but were back on air today on 93mz. Three Boroughs Radio formerly on 1350khz., finally moved to the slightly clearer 1125khz., announcing 266m., Sundays 10.00 till 15.00 here. Also logged, TKO on 102.5mhz with proper programmes and sounding very good. Inner City Radio on 103.5mhz., Radio Tree from 20.00 to 22.00 Thursday on anything from 105.3 to 106.5mhz., Starpoint Sound on 88.6mhz. Conspicuous by absence today, South East Sound on 1188khz., apparently raided again last Sunday, although thought that no one got caught this time. Canterbury...A Radio E.U. was logged last Wednesday on 92.1mhz., from 17.00 till 22.00. Finally in the South, Radio Sovereign, Sussex on 103.8mhz., with Sunday tests from 14.00 to 18.00. Shortwave Radio Atlantis announced both AM and FM today in the Eastbourne area and gave out a telephone number. Medium wave was thought to be 1134khz., but un-confirmed, FM was not noted but most definitely on.

LIVERPOOL...For the first time in ages, no stations from this city were heard in Blackpool today. Apparently, the only powerful one left, Radio Merseywaves, suffered yet another studio raid last Thursday, having been on more or less every day since the last raid of about three weeks ago. Once again, all the studio gear and FM link transmitter was taken, along with the operator (not yet known) at the time. The excellent medium wave transmitter was once again unable to be located and so, the station lives on, although has not returned at this point in time. Concept Radio on 103.4mz were logged but only locally today, as were C 104 who announced later times of operation in future. Sunday evening instead of Sunday afternoon. Apparently the 'boss' John Dwyar has left and returned to Ireland, on Radio West, but as yet we have not heard him. Wirral FM on 90.3mhz were noted locally testing in the week. Finally KISS FM on 102.7mhz put out a powerhouse signal into Blackpool last Sunday evening, in a short test they carried out. It was thought to be the best FM signal ever heard from Liverpool area.

ELSEWHERE...Steve Maddox reported Subway Sound from Keele University on 103.1mhz last Sunday doing their 'Christmas Cracker' which seemed to be a through the night type broadcast. PCRL are apparently back on as well. TKO from London have been received in Telford, Shropshire on 102.5mhz.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG FOR SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 1985.

6200khz...**ABC RADIO**, at 1040 and 1215gmt., with relay of MW service.
6206khz...**FRS HOLLAND**, at 1014 and 1139gmt. Excellent signal in Blackpool.
6239khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, from 1019 to 1320gmt., with an excellent signal outside 'dead' zone.
6240khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 1305gmt., calling CQ.
6260khz...Was it Skywave??
6265khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 1151 and 1230gmt.
6265khz...**UNID.**, at 1336 to 1340gmt. Four Freedoms??
6270khz...**RADIO ATLANTIS SW.**, at 1014 and 1139gmt., also on MW and FM(Announced).
6273khz...**SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING**, at 1045 till 1120gmt.
6275khz...**UNID.**, from 0920 till 1040gmt.
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1110 and 1247gmt.(Only heard briefly here at 1247).
6295khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO** at 1234gmt.
6295khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 1333gmt., calling CQ.
6295khz...**STATION R.I.V.**, at 1408 till 1419gmt., calling CQ.
6300khz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, at 0931 till 1310gmt.(Also on air Saturday).
6306khz...**STARBOARD SOUND**, at 1100 till 1222gmt.
6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 1027 till 1329gmt.
6322khz...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, at 1257gmt.
6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 1132gmt.
6910khz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 1130gmt.
7295khz...**RADIO EARTH**(via Radio Milano Int.) with a powerful signal here,from 0856 till 1105gmt.

Apart from the above, no other pirates on 7 megs. Strange. Conditions very poor at first with very longskip characteristics, shortening later slightly and very short at about 1247gmt. Loggers further away from Ireland than ourselves reported Radio Rainbow with superb modulation. Today's loggers were Glenn Hocking, in Cornwall, Alan Jarvie in Scotland, Sandy Mountain and ourselves in Blackpool.

Has anyone any info about a station on 1st December on 6610khz or thereabouts? The speech was in English, but it faded before an ID could be made.

Podney thought there was a Dutch station on 6240khz., last week with Rainbow??

Stand by for plenty of action on Christmas Day, including marathons from many, including Weekend Music Radio, who intend to have live phone-ins for the benefit of those who are aware of the ops number. Please phone in your logs on Xmas Day to us, don't forget!

Here's another **LASER** tape from **AIR RAID**. It's called "**LASER BITS**" and features many more newscasts (radio and television) reporting on the Communicator's return to port, plus media programme features from Radio Nederland, Radio Veronica(Hilversum II), BRT and Radio Sweden. Full details on content in Edition 3 out by 31st January. Special price until then(to "WR" readers only), just £3.00. Order No. **ARTA155**. Cheques payable to **Rob Scott**, P.O. Box 539 etc. Look out for some very special **LASER** exclusives from **AIR RAID**.

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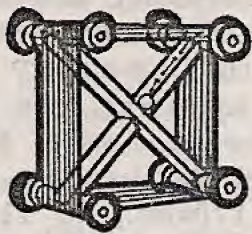
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Welcome to this, our Christmas edition of "Weekly Report", and may we all at "Anoraks U.K." take this opportunity to wish every one of our readers a Very Happy Christmas and an even better New Year. Let us also say a big 'thank you' to each and every one who have so kindly supported us over the past year by continuing to take "Weekly Report", and to all those who have kindly sent in reports and newspaper cuttings which brings us on to our first item today, "The Cuttings Club".

After last week's bumper package, things seem a little bit thin on the ground this week, but at least, we always keep one or two of the lesser important items which we can utilise at times like these. Just one single sheet of B4 cuttings this week, containing a couple of stories about Caroline, one from the London Evening Standard in the week, and one from last Saturday's Guardian, about the withdrawal of the DTI's 'spy' vessel, the Gardline Tracker, a couple of press plugs for the book, "Rebel Radio", and a fairly big piece from a London paper about community radio and pirates in the capital and the various Government proposals. Price for this single sheet is just 10p, plus an SAE. Members of "CC" will of course receive same along with this week's report. To join "CC", subscribers to "WR"(only) can send £5.00, which will ensure a year's supply of cuttings from the press, posted each week, along with Weekly Report, irrespective of number of sheets accumulated. Subs. to "CC" cannot be back-dated at all, but back copies of cuttings can be purchased at the price listed each week in "WR". A number of special packages of cuttings are currently on offer.....all back copies from Issue 50(start of "CC") right up to today, £8.00 for 76 B4 sheets....."Eurosiege '85" package, £2.00 for 20 sheets....."Laser in Harwich" package, £2.50 for 17 sheets.

One thing is for certain, we shall not be short of reading material this Christmas, as everyone has come up with magazines in time for the holiday, with the exception of Offshore Echos, Issue 59 of which could still arrive yet, CM Bulletin No. 28, which is still awaited and Free Radio Round-Up No. 5, which will no doubt appear after Hogmanay.

Anyway, starting with the ones we sell, <TX> **London's Alternative Radio Magazine**, Issue 2 is now in stock, and improves still further on Issue 1, with clearer printing and more detail generally. Highly recommended, particularly to those who are London Pirate fans, but also very interesting for others unable to tune into these stations. Price is 90p., which includes postage. Subscriptions can be taken out and details will be found within the magazine itself. Please note, we only print and distribute this magazine, any letters to the Editor or correspondence with <TX> should be addressed direct to them at BCM Box 225, London WC1N 3XX. **Wavelength** Issue 7(December) is now in stock. 16 pages of very interesting news and comment from the free radio world for just 50p., available from ourselves. Subscription details can be found within the magazine. As stated last week, **Monitor** No. 32 is in stock and at £1.25 per copy, constitutes excellent value for this 76 page high quality A5 format magazine, dealing only with the Offshore scene.

Laser/Caroline/Monique Jingle Cassette by Jumbo Records and Tapes, are now in plentiful supply and are selling rather well, priced £3.99. from ourselves. We must apologise for the delay in supplying Laser and Caroline colour wall posters. Demand has exceeded supply but we hope to have fresh supplies in the New Year. The Caroline Top 500 Wall Poster is however still available at £5.00.

The other magazine to arrive this week, not supplied by ourselves.....**Offshore PrintOut**, Vol.2/No.12, priced at only 20p plus a largish SAE., from M. Keable Esq., 5 Common Lane, Beccles, Suffolk NR33 9RQ. Congratulations to Mark on completing a second year of this magazine, and without missing a dateline too!

Finally in this opening section, many thanks for all the Christmas cards sent into us, they make a fine display.

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.

At least, medium wave radio conditions have been slightly improved this past week, making daylight listening slightly more pleasurable, which is more than can be said for Short Wave up here, or even FM.



First reports this week came from Kieran Murray, now at Boyneside Radio Kells, Co. Meath, who tells us that he did his final show for Radio Carousel Navan on Saturday 7th December from 09.00 till 12.00. Kieran had been with Carousel for 7½ years. His first programme for Boyneside followed on the Monday(9th), from 11.00 till 14.00. Current lineup on the new station reads....07.00 to 10.00

Mike Ahern(also left Carousel at same time as Kieran), this programme beamed from Boyneside's main station in Drogheda, 10.00 to 11.00, Dave 'C'(formerly with ARD in Dublin, and The Voice of Peace), again beamed from Drogheda, 11.00 to 14.00, The Kieran Murray Show(formerly with Carousel, Radio Dublin and The Big 'D'), live from the Kells studio, 14.00 to 17.00 Afternoon Delight with Heady Eddie(formerly with Radio Dundalk and Community Radio Drogheda), again beamed, 17.00 Drive-Time with Ian Scott(formerly with Royal County Radio and Radio Carousel), till 19.30. programmes thereafter beamed from Drogheda. The station can be heard on 1323khz.(227m), locally on 100.3mhz., via the FM studio link to the main AM transmitter. Boyneside's main Drogheda frequency is 1305khz. Both stations can be heard on the West side of the U.K. quite clearly, although the 1305khz. one is louder, due to being on the coast, although both transmitters are identical. Good news for the New Year, Kieran will be heard nationwide on Radio Rainbow 6240khz., on The Free Radio Show, produced in conjunction with ourselves. The show is likely to be aired mid morning Sundays for 60 minutes. Old tapes of Kieran doing similar shows in the late '70's on Radio Dublin, may well be aired from time to time along with the other material planned for the programme.

From Athlone, Jason Ross tells us that Athlone Local Radio is indeed back on the air, on 104mhz in stereo, and covering about ten miles we understand, with an excellent signal. The station address is....A.C.R., Burgess Chambers, Church Street, Athlone. Good response to the station is reported with full advert schedules three times per hour. The station is music radio format: the best of British, Euro and U.S. Music. Local news and interviews are going to be introduced to give the station the local identity necessary and involve the community, but will not saturate the schedule.(ie. news will most likely be aired every third hour). The majority of D,J,'s have done radio before on stations such as Radio West, and Athlone's Radio Carol-Ann and Midland Radio.

Several reports in this week, some from Northern Ireland, indicate that Q 102 is now heard stronger on 103.5mhz than on 102.1mhz., whereas both Sunshine and Nova are less strong than of late. We can confirm this at this location, but things change daily on FM, so nothing surprises us.

We understand that Capitol Radio in Dublin are still off on their 96mhz.FM transmitter. Sean Brady writing from Kilnaleck reports that Radio West are still having problems with FM, and moving from one frequency to another. John Dwyar, briefly mentioned in last week's report, has indeed been heard on the station on weekday afternoons. John recently joined this station after

running C-104 on Merseyside, and before that a short spell out in Ballina, on Westward Local Community Radio. Breffni Community Radio, despite a significant increase in power, are still suffering problems from interference with Radio Sweden on the adjacent channel. In the New Year, a move may be made from 1170khz., to 1161khz., in an attempt to alleviate this problem. The station is presently offering a 'package' for Christmas, comprising of a calendar, a car sun-visor, a car sticker, and a Christmas card. People wanting one are asked to send IR£2.00 which includes P&P. Finally, Sean tells us that Erneside Radio have been running a competition where three records are played and the fiftieth caller wins a prize of a splendid Christmas hamper.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news from this station this week.

LASER. As mentioned in last week's report, The High Court in London was the scene on Monday as the Admiralty Marshall sought to sell the vessel and its contents, in order to pay of the writs already served on the ship to the tune of in excess of £100,000. Scrap value of the ship was reported to be in the region of about £8,000, but the Admiralty Marshall was looking for towards a million pounds. The Government are known to be unhappy about anyone purchasing the whole thing as a radio ship and say that the Admiralty Marshall could be contravening the MOA if this action took place. It looks fairly certain that everything on the ship saleable will be removed, and that includes the transmitters, then the ship sold for scrap, in the absence of any takers for the whole thing. All previous plans for such a thing to happen, now seem to have fallen through. Anyone planning to take a trip to Harwich this holiday period to view the vessel, would be well advised to check with the Customs people beforehand, as plans to move the ship to Ipswich seem to be in hand, and the vessel may well have already gone. Should this happen, or have happened, the aerial masts on the ship will have(or have had) to be removed in order to get under a bridge at this port.

CAROLINE/MONIQUE. The latter station celebrated its 1st Birthday last Monday. We were not able to listen, and as yet, no reports of any special programmes have been received. If we learn of anything special, we shall report same in next weeks issue. Caroline in the meantime carried on with no change in staff until Friday, when John Ford suddenly appeared at lunch-time, in place of David Andrews, suggesting some staff changes. Fergie was heard later in John's spot, followed at 21.00 by a big surprise, none other than Tom Anderson! Tom went on till 01.00 close-down. On Saturday, Tom handed over to Jennie McKenzie at 01.00 who went through till 05.00. Many people would be thrilled to hear Tom, as once again L.A., returned and the sound of the seventies was evident. Tom's last stint was extremely short-lived, so, make the best of him, whilst he is there. It now seems unlikely that John Lewis will return for Christmas, despite his return thought to be imminent.

The blockade is now understood to be over, according to reports in last Saturday but one's Guardian.

In the absence of very much land-based news this week, we have decided to re-print last week's Liverpool report by Tim Jackson for the week ending last Sunday 15th December.

It has been another bad week for free radio in this area, with C-104 heard for only two hours on Sunday, WFM and KISS-FM not heard at all and the Radio Mersey Waves' studio raided yet again by the DTI on Thursday afternoon.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

The station were on the air on Monday, but they opened late and were first noted at 9:02am. Heard were:- 9am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC (saying that he could only stay till 1pm); 1pm-?? Mark Newman. The remainder of the afternoon line-up wasn't noted, but heard later were :- 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Tony Coltrane; Midnight-1am KtC; 1am-3am(?) Peter Thomas. The station said they would be on the air all day Tuesday to advise listeners that the venue for their Night-out had been changed and to give directions to Ma Baker's from various directions. Come Tuesday, the station was all at sixes and sevens. They opened at noon with DJC till 2pm. He was followed by Alan Bates till 4pm. Mark Newman did 4pm-6pm, as Dave Collins was not able to turn up. It was then announced that the station would close at 6pm instead of 8pm, as Mark had brought forward his show by two hours. By 6pm, KtC had turned up and close-down was extended to 7pm, then 7:15pm, then 7:30pm. By 7:30pm, Dave Collins had turned up and was supposed to be doing 7:30pm-10pm. In the event, he closed the station down at 9pm and went to the Night-out. On Thursday, their next scheduled broadcasting day, they opened at 8am with Dave Collins till 11am followed by Paul James who was scheduled till 2pm, but could only stay till 1pm. From 1pm-2pm Peter Thomas(??) "filled-in", but modulation disappeared from the air very abruptly at 1:53pm, just a few minutes before the end of his show. Although the carrier remained on the till 2:44pm, there was no sign of anyone attempting "adjustments" or "repairs" and it was thought that the station may have been raided by the DTI yet again. The DJs on Concept Radio confirmed the worst on Sunday. Mersey Waves are still off the air.

C-104 104.0MHz stereo FM: No mailing address.

This station have announced a number of changes to operate over the next few weeks. They opened at noon on Sunday and heard were:- Paul Kay from Noon-1pm and Andy Davies from 1pm-2pm. They said that this would be their last "daytime" broadcast for a while as John Dwyer, the Programme Controller, was on holiday in Ireland, where he would be heard on Radio West (765kHz). While he is away, they intend to operate Sundays only from 9pm-Midnight with 9pm-10:30pm Paul Kay and 10:30pm-Midnight Andy Davies. It was announced that on 29th/30th December there will be a "marathon" link-up between C-104/WFM/WABC(Tom Lodge??). The frequency is expected to be 97.6 MHz.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station had a stronger signal than normal and although blocking out Signal Radio, there was no trace of interference from the latter. They opened at noon on Sunday and featured some of the DJs from Central Radio, who say that CRI will be back at 10am next Saturday with a brand new transmitter, a new crystal and from a new location, which is "the highest point on Merseyside". Heard were:- Noon-12:30pm Tom Webb; 12:30pm-2pm Jim Browne; 2pm-6pm Phil Davies' Marathon Golden-Oldies Show; 6pm-9pm Jim Lowe; 9pm-Midnight (or possibly 1am) Tom Webb. At Midnight, Tom Webb handed over to Jim Lowe, saying that he would be back again at 12:15am, but the broadcasts after 12:05am were not noted.

MERSEY FM 103.8(?)MHz. Flat B, 42, Aspen Grove, Toxteth, Liverpool L8, OST.

Although the frequency was checked earlier, this station wasn't noted till 9:45pm on Sunday. The signal was strong, but there was a very loud "hum" over everything. Modulation level on speech varied from "too much" to "non-existent" and was difficult to read at the best of times. The name of the DJ wasn't noted, but it wasn't Dave Ross or Mike Smith, who have been noted previously. The same DJ continued "over the top of the hour" at 11pm, but the station had gone from the air by 11:41pm, when next checked.

The only other news we have this week on the land-based front, is that PCRL are back in the Midlands, daily from 09.00 on 103.1mhz. We think that Radio Merseywaves may be back on 1242khz., but only on low power, today Sunday. Finally, A Happy Birthday to John Lewis on Christmas Day. And really finally, the station logged on 1st December on 6610khz., was in fact Radio Pamela.

Wishing you all a
happy Christmas
Rush.



AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR
Barrie,



SHORT WAVE STATIONSLOG FOR SUNDAY 22nd December 1985.

6206khz.....SECRET MOUNTAIN LABORATORY/RADIO DELMARE/C.L.C.G., at 0955/1132/1150gmt.
6210khz.....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 1133gmt., with test transmissions. .
6225khz.....UNID., at 1040gmt., in English, with Dutch accent.
6240khz.....RADIO RAINBOW, at 1012gmt.
6240khz.....PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE, at 1356gmt., calling CQ.
6240khz.....RADIO PAMELA at 1403gmt., calling CQ.
6260khz.....RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 1000gmt.
6265khz.....FALCON RADIO(via I.R.R.S.), at 1007gmt.
6275khz.....RADIO WAVES INT., at 1017gmt., in French.
6280khz.....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 1130gmt.
6290khz.....FOUR FREEDOMS WORLD SERVICE, at 1100gmt.,(also on MW and FM!).
6295khz.....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 1131gmt., with test transmissions.
6299khz.....RADIO PAMELA INT., at 0945gmt.
6299khz.....UNID.,at 1041gmt.(Possibly Four Freedoms, via above?)
6300khz.....FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO, at 0930gmt.
6310khz.....RADIO IRELAND, at 1119gmt.
6315khz.....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 1157gmt., with tests.
6400khz.....RADIO VALLERI, at at 1122gmt.
6910khz.....RADIO DUBLIN, at 1015gmt.
7365khz.....UNID., at 1010gmt., with non-stop music(from the U.K.?).
7400khz.....SATELLITE BROADCASTING CO., at 1030gmt.(via I.R.R.S.).

Conditions in this area were appalling to say the least, we hope they will improve in time for Christmas Day. Only one station was logged here, 6206khz. and that kept fading out. Conditions elsewhere were not a great deal better, even in Cornwall, heavy fading out was noted. Loggers today were Glenn Hocking in Cornwall, Dave Small in the Midlands, Steve West in Salisbury, Alan Jarvie in Scotland and Dave Knight in Leeds.

Next week's report will contain logs of Christmas Day and Boxing Day, in addition to the usual Sunday logs.

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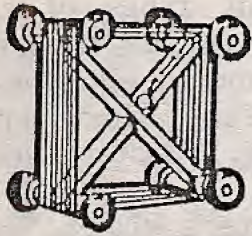
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BUSTER

As a great number of you will already know, the Free Radio world lost a great friend last Monday morning, when the death was announced of Roland 'Buster' Pearson.

Roland, a bachelor, was 57, and was known to all in free radio, and elsewhere, as 'Buster'. He was best known for his highly respected magazine, "Monitor" which dealt in great detail, with the happenings on the North Sea, aboard the various vessels housing radio stations, along with similar activities in the Mediterranean, off the Israeli coast.

Buster's death occurred at 02.30 last Monday, 23rd December 1985, in hospital, following a heart attack at his home in Benfleet. The funeral will take place on Friday 3rd January 1986 at 15.30, at Southend Crematorium. In addition to family and friends, many from the Free Radio world are expected to attend. We are assured that everyone wishing to attend will be welcome, and understand that the Caroline Movement have organised a venue for people to gather, both before and after the service, to pay their last respects to this great man. Further information on this may be obtained by telephoning the Caroline Movement Info line at Reigate. Their number is (07372) 41510 and a recorded message will give you all the necessary details.

Floral tributes will be acceptable, but donations in lieu of, will also be accepted on behalf of **The Radio Amateur Invalid and Blind Club**, c/o 31 Avondale Road, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1EH.

Buster suffered from Haemophilia causing him to spend a great part of his life either bed-fast or in a wheel-chair, but it was a heart attack

which caused his death in the end. Ironically, his father died on the very same day, 45 years ago.

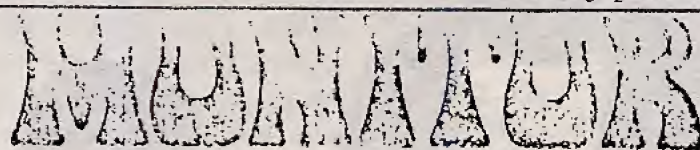
Due to Buster's condition, he found that his radio became his great companion and in the early days, was often writing to AFN for requests etc. As time went on and Offshore pirates appeared, Buster duly tuned in and CNBC was often heard in his home. Following a small piece in the local paper about a Radio Caroline commencing, he duly tuned in and was possibly one of the first to receive the Lady's broadcasts. Following the passing of the M.O.A. in 1967, he became personally involved with the offshore stations, and one of the first people he ever met, from the ships, was none other than Andy Archer. At this time, The Free Radio Campaign, run by Alex McKenna, used to receive many calls from Buster, and it was through Alex that a local branch of this organisation was formed, along with three girls. An info sheet followed, then one of the girls left. Buster then took over her job, and along with Andy Archer, brought out a five page news-sheet, which eventually became known as "Monitor" A small piece of the very first edition, mentioning this change is reproduced.

Buster's other passion in life was aviation and was a familiar figure at many air shows. He was also an active member of Andrewsfield Rebel Air Museum Club and often wrote articles for their magazine. He was also a radio amateur and his call sign was G4OWP, the 'OWP' often referred to as 'Offshore Wireless Person' (We think the 'G' stood for great!).

Our first meeting with Buster was in 1978 aboard the "Waverley", on a trip out to the 'Mi Amigo', although we corresponded for many years previously, in fact, since Issue 6 of Monitor magazine. "Who's that brave chap in the wheel-chair heading down Southend Pier", we heard someone remark, the chair eagerly pushed by his friends, who, in no time had him aboard, and eagerly chatting with all the fans already there. We chatted too and generally enjoyed the magic of the day, although it was all over too soon. We kept in contact after then and when "Anoraks U.K." was born, Buster was a great help and encouragement with all his knowledge. Since then, we have worked together very closely, despite

producing two very different types of reading material. Buster was one of the all time greats, everyone will agree on this, and to echo the words of another of his friends, Tony Allan, on Nova news last Monday lunchtime, "Buster, you will be missed"

In accordance with Buster's wishes, 'Monitor' will continue, with his long time friend/partner, Penelope Page, at the helm. We, at 'Anoraks U.K.' will be giving her our full support. We know you will do the same. In the very near future, all back copies of 'Monitor' will be available from ourselves only. The very early ones will hopefully be reproduced in A5 format with photos, as Buster has already planned to do this.



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EDITORIAL Welcome to Monitor. We have decided to change our name from 'Info-sheet' as we are really more of a magazine now. In this issue we take a nostalgic look at the Radio City era. Our thanks go to all the wonderful people who have helped compile this souvenir, especially Mrs. Calvert, Alan Clark and Phil Perkins. Our feature writer, Andy A. is on business in the Midlands, so he has been unable to contribute to this issue. While talking about feature writers - we welcome Auntie Nabel of Radio City fame to our happy team. We hope you will like this new style Free Radio magazine, and we welcome your opinions. So now, cast your mind back to 1964 - to the beginning of the Radio City Saga...

And so, on to the final issue of 1985. Looking back, it has been a fairly sad year, we lost Buster, we lost Tony Windsor, we lost Laser, we lost Nova on high power. We saw Caroline celebrate 21 years on the air, Monique, one year, Sunshine, five years, in fact a great number of birthdays, who said pirate radio was dead! We experienced "Eurosiege '85", and saw Charlie Wolf take on the Government/DTI. We heard Nova on Long Wave and Caroline on Short Wave, and talking of short wave, it was one of the worst for reception in years, but looking on the good side, maybe it can only get better! We gained Radio Rainbow from the East Coast of Ireland, and we are promised the Free Radio Show with Kieran Murray on the station (welcome back Kieran). We lost a few stations to the DTI, or to the lure of a C.R. Licence. We even lost a few presenters to ILR, one of our favourites went to the Beeb, and will soon be heard on Radio 2 (Tony Gareth/Gareth O'Callaghan on 25th January 1986 at 04.00). And what for the future....How will C.R. fare? Will it succeed?

Will there be a further rash of pirates back on the air, when they learn that they have failed to obtain a licence? Will Laser come back? Will another ship/station appear? What will the DTI do next in their attempts to get rid of Caroline? As usual, only time will tell, and all we can say is... "stay tuned". A Happy New Year to all from "Anoraks U.K." team, let's hope it's a good one.

Not much in merchandise this week. Offshore Echos Issue 59 is expected, almost any minute, we are assured that it has been posted, so, if anyone would like a copy, send £1.70. Do remember though, you can still subscribe for the old price of £8.00 for five issues, so why not do that now and save 50p. Subscriptions will be increasing very soon. The Charlie Wolf Video is not yet ready, although progressing nicely, we are told. Do NOT send any money yet, we will advise when the item is available. Finally, for the benefit of anyone who has mislaid last week's "WR" in the panic, available are latest issues of MONITOR No. 32 (£1.25), <TX> No.2 (90p), Wavelength No. 7 (50p).

We must apologise in advance for the delay in sending back goods ordered. This will apply next week only, the following week will see a return to normal arrangements (We are having a few days off!!) Weekly Report will not be affected in any way, so please send in cuttings, reports etc., as normal, thank you.

The "Cuttings Club". Just one single sheet this week, with a story about Luxembourg's 50th Birthday, Hilversum's new frequencies and a couple of pieces about the ending of the DTI blockade. 10p plus an SAE will get you a copy. To get "CC" regularly, send £5.00 if you are a member of "WR", and we will send the cuttings each week with your "WR" (Please note, "CC" cannot be back-dated).

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.

News generally seems a bit thin on the ground to say the least this week, but that's how it is at times like these. The only major news item comes from Breffni Community Radio in Kilnaleck who moved channels on 19th December, from 1170khz., to 1161khz. The reason for this move was to try and get away from the interference caused by Radio Sweden on 1179khz. This move has been successful and reception locally and further afield is greatly improved. The reception on this side is slightly better, but the channel also has a number of ILR stations already on it. However, the second harmonic on 2322khz., seems even louder still here, and we are wondering what it is like elsewhere in Europe, and how far away it is being heard. (Maybe Dario Monferini can let us know if he has received any long distance reports of this harmonic).

Elsewhere in the Midlands area things seem to be running normally with lots of money-earning adverts heard on all stations.

Down country, in Co. Cork, Paul Graham tells us that he has left WKLR in Bandon after only two weeks. He goes on to say that this station is once again operating on 1503khz., AM. (from 1485khz.). In Cork itself, WBEN continue on FM reports Siobhan Cronin. Apparently, this station has a bear as its logo, and the wording on a sticker sent by Siobhan reads... "It's a bear of a station" Space permitting, the logo may well be reproduced on the back page. South Coast Radio have been on medium wave, on 1386khz., 214m., but the signal was apparently so poor, it almost failed to get out of North Main Street, where the studios are situated. FM continues as normal though.

In Dublin, Radio Dublin itself have been heard of late, relaying the excellent World Music Radio around lunch-time, mid-week. The station still seem to be having problems with their 105.4mhz relay. Radio Avelon have been noted on 1116khz AM., in addition to FM, about 98.5mhz. Radio Amanda were heard testing on 104.9mhz., as were Southside Radio on 106mhz. Ballymun Alternative Radio Network (B.A.R.N.) were heard testing on 90.2mhz on Tuesday 17th December. A quiet week by anyone's standards, to say the least. The only other news is that RTE have announced that they intend to go Long Wave in 1986 (on 254khz. no doubt!), also that Radio 2 is to go 24 hours in March.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

No news at all from this station this week.

CAROLINE. Tom Anderson is still on board, much to many people's delight, and the only change this week is that Nick Richards is off. He was supposed to be off last week, but bad weather prevented him from doing so. No one else has taken his place on board. Some problems were noted during the week with severe North Easterly winds evident. The most notable was on Boxing Day when both stations went off at 15.55, saying that they would be back in a couple of hours. They returned after ten minutes, only to go off at 16.20 mid-way through a link, due to bad weather, they said. 558 returned the next morning with non-stop music in the early hours, and programming later, with Nick Richards. Monique remained silent for much of the day, with apologies going out over 558 for the non-appearance due to storm damage, which could only be put right when the weather improved, which must have occurred later, as the station duly returned at around tea-time on 963khz. The Caroline Movement have plans for a New Year's Eve trip out to the Ross, weather, of course, permitting. This is in place of other planned trips over the holiday period which have had to be cancelled due the rough weather.

LASER.

Very little to report here, the ship is still there, in the River Stour, our man Gary Hogg visited the scene yesterday and reported life on board, a small generator heard running and some lights noted. Nothing else was seen, and certainly nothing has been heard one way or the other.

LAND BASED STATIONS....LIVERPOOL.

Only Radio Merseywaves noted at this location this week, on 1242khz., announcing as always 1233khz! This station has suffered a number of studio raids of late, and as a result, both transmissions and programmes have been a little haphazard, despite the station staff making every effort to produce regular, professional programmes. It was good to hear station owner, Burt Williams back on the air with his informative Sunday afternoon programme, from 15.00 till 17.00, featuring as always, many classic oldies, many not heard on other stations. From 2nd January 1986, the station has plans to be on the air weekday evenings, from about tea-time until mid-night or after, plus Saturdays and Sundays from 08.00 until mid-night or later.

No other stations have been heard, although it is likely that some smaller, lower power FM stations will have been on the air.

THE MIDLANDS.

On Christmas Day, PCRL were heard on 103.6-ish Mhz, U.K. Radio on 102.6mhz., briefly and County Radio on 94.0 and 104.7mhz. On the following day, Wrekin Radio were logged on 103.5mhz with an excellent signal. On Saturday, an unidentified station on 103.0mhz., was thought to be possibly Magic or Music 103, although did not identify.

LEEDS.

Radio Radar were on in that city today, on 104.25 reports Dave Knight, rather short-staffed, and with poor audio early, although this improved significantly during the day.

LONDON.

Christmas Day saw additional stations in the capital....Santa Star on 91.8mhz., Bert's Hot Dog Stand on 92.6mhz. Boxing Day had additional stations...Heavy Metal Radio on 94.2mhz., and City Side Radio on 91.9mhz. Saturday saw B.A.B. on 103mhz., London's only Asian soul station!, and Starpoint on 88.6mhz., who have moved to Saturday from Sunday operation. Today, on medium wave, Three Boroughs Radio on 1125khz., and Radio Memphis, slightly off-channel, on 1260khz., with country and western music. On FM, KJAZZ on 88.6mhz., Alice's Restaurant on 92.9mhz., TKO, back again on 102.4mhz., LWR, also back again, on 92.25mhz., Fame on 94.45mhz., and possibly others, so, not a bad selection down there, with plenty of heavy metal music we are told.

Finally, Charlie Wolf tells us that he will be doing a New Year's Day show on five ILR stations at the same time, Orwell, Broadland, Hereward, Saxon and Chiltern, at either 10.00 or mid-day.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS...LOG for 29.12.85.

6200khz...Radio Apollo, at 1025 and 1029gmt.
6202khz...Rebel Radio Revolution, at 1230gmt.
6205khz...Radio Delmare, at 1125gmt.
6205khz...Radio Sound of Sweden, at 1359gmt.
6205khz...Radio F.R.S. Holland., at 1410gmt.
6225khz...B.R.I., at 1200 and 1220gmt.
6230khz...P.F.B.S., at 0930 and 1003gmt..
6230khz...Weekend Music Radio, at 1115gmt.
6232khz...unid., U.S. station, relayed, at 1128gmt.
6240khz...Radio East Coast Commercial, at 1000gmt.
6240khz...Radio Rainbow, at 1045gmt.
6240khz...Rebel Radio(via above), at 1010gmt.
6240khz...Radio Pamela, at 1310gmt.,CQ.
6260khz...Radio Skywave Int., at 0930 & 1038gmt.
6260khz...Unid., at 1330gmt.
6265khz...Falcon Radio(via IRRS), at 1018gmt.
6275khz...Radio Waves Int., at 0930 and 1015gmt.
6280khz...Westside Radio Int., at 1045 and 1100gmt.
6283khz...Atlanta Radio, at 1014gmt.
6290khz...Union City Radio(via Climax R.S.) at 1100.
6298khz...Unid., at 1000gmt.
6300khz...F.M.T.R., at 0930 and 1151gmt.
6305khz...Radio Apollo, at 1145gmt.
6305khz...Radio Enterprise(relay/above), at 1237gmt.
6310khz...Radio Ireland, at 1100 and 1205gmt.
6317khz...Radio Dutchboy, at 1200 and 1210gmt.
6320khz...K.L.A. Radio at 1000 till 1220gmt.
6400khz...Radio Valleri, at 1045gmt.
7295khz...Radio Tutenchamen(via RMI), at 1155gmt.
7310khz...Radio Brigitte, at 1000gmt.
7320khz...Radio Brigitte, at 1237gmt.
7325khz...Radio Atlantique 2000 Int., at 1000gmt.
7350khz...Radio 101, at 0959gmt.
Plus others calling CQ and QSO-ing at various times, on 6305 and 6240khz.

Today's loggers were ourselves who found conditions good during the many peaks, but quite poor at other times, for example we failed to hear Westside at all, Ken Baird in Scotland, Dave Kight in Leeds, Sandy Mountain in Blackpool, Rob Scott in London, Dave Small in the Midlands and T.F.R.R. in Cornwall.

There was plenty of short wave activity all week, in fact since Tuesday, when the following were logged...6240(Unid.), 6205(Scorpio via Delmare), 6300(Canzoni via FMTR), 6220(Unid.), and 6300(FMTR).

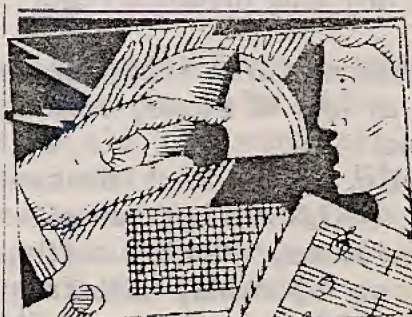
Christmas Day saw the following...6205(Delmare and CLCG), 6230(Radio East Coast Commercial and WMR), 6240(PFBS and WMR), 6241(Radio Arena), 6270(WMR), 6275(Radio Waves Int.), 6290(Four Freedoms World Service), 6295(WMR relaying Radio Rainbow), 6300(WMR and FMTR), 6310(PFBS), 6317(Radio Madison), 6320(Radio Dutchboy), 6910(Radio Dublin), 7315(Future World Radio), 7320(Radio Titanic Int.), and 7350(World Harvest Radio Int.).

Boxing Day saw several operators again in action, including...6205(CLCG via Delmare), 6220(Unid., and Radio Kristel), 6225(BRI), 6230(PFBS and Apollo), 6240(RECC, Apollo and WMR), 6265(Radio Apollo), 6300(WMR and Apollo), and 7320(Radio Liberty Sound via Radio Titanic).

Finally Friday saw just three, Radio R.I.D.ulous, PFBS and Apollo all on 6240 at around 1100gmt.QSOing no doubt.

And that's it for another year, here's hoping you enjoyed what we wrote, if not, you can always write in with suggestions. Once again, A Happy New Year.

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When the history of Community Radio comes to be written, a major focus of interest will be how a small number of people, battling against all odds, overcame the vested interests of government and the broadcasting duopoly in order to instigate a major and significant shift in how radio is performed and perceived. The ultimate success of that change remains to be achieved but one factor in its chances will be the extent to which an active and open debate can continue. **Relay**, a low budget, two-monthly magazine, has played a significant role in the debate since its inception in 1981. Now, with the first community stations only a few months off, the magazine has been relaunched with financial backing from the GLC. It is bigger, glossier in design and, one senses, rather more certain of its objectives. The current issue has a good news section and a host of relevant articles, from Black Community Radio to a critique of the GLC's role and attention to programming and technical issues. All very interesting but there is still the feel of an agenda too narrowly drawn. It would be unfair, of course, to criticise one issue for the areas left uncovered but in tenor there is a lack of critical attention to some important issues. There is a gap when it comes to considering what 'community' really means and no attention to the real dangers of conflict within 'communities' when it comes to running a radio station.

Likewise, there is no discussion of many realities of broadcasting - finance, organisation, regulatory structures, trade unionism, royalty payments. It is on these issues that community radio will succeed or fail, even before the first programmes go out and the first listeners, excited or bored. For those concerned about the future of radio, **Relay** is essential reading but to really meet the need rather than to simply promulgate a view, the magazine needs to cast its critical and conceptual net much wider. Community radio is now a reality and **Relay** and its initial constituency can afford to come in from the cold. (**Relay** costs £5.50 (individuals) or £10.00 (institutions) for six issues from Unit 57, Omnibus Workspace, 39-41 North Road, London N7 9DP. Tel: 607 8057.

